GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1283
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
EXPORT OF RICE
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to export rice as the stock of rice is more than the domestic demand in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rice is not being lifted for export as the prices of rice in the international market are low at present;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the rates of rice in major international market during December, 2000 and January, 2001; and

(f) the price at which India has decided to sell rice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Since the stock of rice in the Central Pool was 132.14 lakh MTs on 01.10.2000 against the corresponding buffer norm of 65 lakh MTs, which meant an excess stock of 67.14 lakh MTs, FCI has been authorized to offer 20 lakh metric tonnes of rice upto 31st March, 2001 for the purpose of export through open tender.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.

(e) As in the Annexure.

(f) Export of rice has not commenced.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1283 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2.3.2001

International Prices of Rice US$/MT)

5% Broken 10% Broken 15% Broken 20% 25% Broken 35%Broken

Country	India	Pak	Thailand	Vietnam	India	Pak	Thailand	Vietnam	India	Pak	Thailand	Vietnam	Pak	India	Pak	Thailand	Vietnam	India	Pak	Thailand	Vietnam
December 2000	237	-	18	171	-	170	174	166	-	154	170	160	149	220	145	155	150	-	-	150	146
January 2001	237	-	178	170	-	170	174	165	-	154	169	159	149	220	145	155	149	-	-	151	145

Egypt

Month	Grade-1 3% Broken	Broken Grade-2 6% Broken	Grade-3 12% Broken	Grade-3 15% Broken	Grade-3 20% Broken
December 2000	237-262	221-247	212-235	204	198-220
January 2001	237-262	221-247	212-235	204	198-220

United State of America

Month	Long grain 2/4	Long grain 5/20	Long grain 2/4/75
December 2000	13.00	10.75	11.75
January 2001	13.00	10.75	11.75

Value US$
Quantity per 100 Lbs

Source: London Rice Broker`s Associates, London.